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## The Flint Water Crisis: Keeping the Citizens of Flint Safe

*Emily Garner, PhD Student, Virginia Tech*

**Thursday, October 20, 2016**

**Northeastern University, Snell Library (Room 90) 360 Huntington Ave, Boston, Ma**  
**5:30 PM Social/Registration and Refreshments; 6:30 PM Presentation**

The Flint Water Crisis is one of the most significant public health issues that our country has faced in recent history. The uncovering of elevated levels of lead in the City of Flint Michigan's drinking water shook the City and the Nation's confidence in their public water supply and led to regulatory action from water utilities and environmental agencies across the country. The monetary cost of rectifying this issue will undoubtedly be immense but the social cost of the exposure is yet to be fully realized. Throughout the crisis, the citizens of Flint turned to Virginia Tech researchers to be their voice as an unbiased outside party. They allowed the researchers into their homes so that the depth of the issue could be understood and actions could be taken to address the problem.

Please join us to hear Ms. Garner speak on how the Flint Water Study team at Virginia Tech uncovered the water quality issues in Flint. Emily Garner is currently a PhD student at Virginia Tech studying Environmental and Water Resources Engineering. She is a member of the Flint Water Study team led by Dr. Marc Edwards that worked with citizens of Flint, Michigan to identify unsafe levels of lead in their drinking water and advocate for a resolution. She will present about her team's journey to provide the citizens of Flint with scientific evidence to support their claims that their drinking water was unsafe for consumption.

**Registration Deadline: Friday, October 14, 2016**

**\$50 Members, \$65 Non-Members, \$45 Public Sector Members**

**\$50 Public Sector Non-Members, \$20 Students & Senior Members (65+)**

### Information/Registration:

Appetizers and beverages will be provided prior to and after the presentation. Register to attend this meeting and pay by credit card online at <http://bit.ly/EMG-102016>. To register online for an event at the BSCES member rate you must login using your BSCES assigned username and password. If you do not know your BSCES member login information call 617/227-5551. You can also register for this event by mail or email. To do so, download and complete a [BSCES Event Registration Form](#) and follow the submission instructions. Cancellations received after October 14, 2016 and no-shows will be billed.